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| TITLE: ORAL FORMULATIONS OF MEDICAMENTS | : |                                  |

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**In the Specification**

Please add the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 of the specification:

--- Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application serial nos. 60/198,878, filed April 19, 2000 and 60/208,155 filed May 31, 2000. This application further claims benefit from Great Britain Application nos. GB 0007112.6, filed March 23, 2000 and GB 0010846.4, filed May 5, 2000. ---

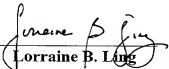
**REMARKS**

Enclosed herewith, is a marked up version of the changes made to the specification, entitled "**Versions with markings to show changes made**".

Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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New paragraph beginning at line 1, page 1 has been added as follows:

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